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For The Northern Mariana Islands  
By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Deputy Clerk)

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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**

Plaintiff, by and through counsel and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2412, hereby petitions this Court to award payment of Plaintiff's costs and attorney fees from the various defendants associated with bringing the above-captioned suit. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2412, Plaintiff should be awarded the costs and attorney fees applicable to his civil action against the various defendants. Plaintiff is both eligible for recovery and was the prevailing party in the civil proceeding. See Declaration of George L. Hasselback filed separately with this Court. Additionally, the various defendants were not substantially justified in their position of denying that Plaintiff was a United States citizen and therefore entitled to a US passport.

1        This Petition is supported by the Declaration of George L. Hasselback filed herewith that  
2 contains an itemized statement reporting the actual time expended in this case and the rate at  
3 which fees and other expenses were computed.

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5        THEREFORE, pursuant to 28 U.S.C.A. § 2412, Plaintiff requests that this Court award  
6 him the costs of bringing the above-captioned suit and the attorney fees he incurred in its  
7 prosecution in the amount of \$12,278.90.

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10      Dated: June 2, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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12      Attorney for Plaintiff Bernard S. Phillip

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